

Dear commissioner,

I am writing concerning the Broadcast Flag. I do not believe its efforts will ever come to fruition, and rather they are going to inhibit the ability of many many customers in this country. Piracy is something that is going to occur no matter the rules, laws, or punishments we create. I do not condone these actions, but this ruling is not going to prevent them.

I am more concerned as a customer, that with these laws I will have to upgrade my equipment, which for one I cannot afford. But financial woes is not the only dilemma, when these type of laws are instituted there is a wide array of abusive possibilities formulated for hardware and software businesses, even collaborations thereof. Since for instance, new dvds will only play on "compliant" hardware, well what if a company like Sony who makes both dvd players and dvds made it so their dvds will only play on their dvd players. This would hurt competition greatly. It would also prevent new companies with innovative ideas to enter the market, since dvds may only play on certain players.

I'm afraid that's only the start of the possible abuses. I hope you will keep in mind the control existing companies could receive from this ruling and many other factors that it may effect. Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns.

Sincerely,  
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